

**American Legion Applies for Charter.**  
The application for a charter for the North Platte camp of the American Legion was sent in Tuesday. The camp starts in with a charter membership of one hundred and two, and it is aimed to increase the membership to 400 or 500.

**Snowed in for Twelve Days.**  
W. C. Biltner returned the latter part of last week from Stockville where he had gone in his car to transact business prior to the last snow storm. The day after he reached there the snow came, and he was forced to remain there for twelve days before he could venture on his return trip. In coming home he was three days on the road and had to shovel his car out of the snow a number of times.

**Fuel Committee Discharged.**  
The fuel committee composed of J. V. Romigh, J. C. Wilson and Fred J. Diener, who had served the public faithfully and well during the several weeks of coal shortage, was discharged from service Wednesday evening. Coal orders will now be handled again by the local dealers and to them orders must be placed.

**Notice to Library Patrons.**  
Fines will be remitted on all overdue books returned to the library December 29th and 30th.

Clarence McCormick came down from Paxton Tuesday for a few days' visit at the home of his uncle, P. O. Kingdon.

## AT THE SUN THEATRE.

FRIDAY

Shadows of Suspicion

Harold Lockwood

ALSO

2 REEL COMEDY.

SATURDAY

Woman Undercover

Fritzi Brunette

ALSO

2 reel "Billy West" comedy.

MONDAY

Elmo the Mighty

AND

Six reel Vitagraph special.

### COMPLIMENTS NORTH PLATTE'S AUTO CAMP GROUND

Frank A. Barber has handed us a copy of the Pomona, Cal., Daily Progress dated December 15th, which contains a write-up of an auto trip made by William A. Bixler from his eastern home to Pomona, in which he makes the following reference to the auto camp ground which North Platte maintained during the past season: "While in North Platte, Nebraska, we camped in a park especially prepared for tourists by the chamber of commerce of that city. For miles before we reached the city we were guided by sign boards upon which were the following: 'Free camping grounds—shower baths and fuel furnished by the chamber of commerce.' Upon arriving at the spot we found autos from many states, some going east, some west and some both north and south. While we were pulling in a machine just ahead of us carried a California license and was bound for Pennsylvania; while close behind us a machine carrying a Maine license was bound for California. A few moments later a Ford pulled in having a Texas license. They had been to Colorado and were on their way back via Illinois. This particular machine was loaded quite heavily—both husband and wife averaging a good 200 pounds each, filling the front seat, while in the rear seat were four children. On both running boards was the camping outfit, which included bedsprings and chairs reaching as high as the machine top, and this was not all for on the rear of the machine was fastened a large trunk. One of the spectators remarked: 'I'd hate to venture out with that outfit, for fear of being arrested for cruelty to Fords.'"

"There were in all about twenty machines camped there all night and from nearly as many states. We found everything as represented and far better than we expected. Every tourist went his way with a good word for his treatment in North Platte, and the fact was known for hundreds of miles in every direction. The name of North Platte is stamped upon our memories while that of many another beautiful city is forgotten."

**Episcopal Church.**  
Holy communion 8 a. m.  
Church school and bible class 9:45 a. m.  
Morning prayer and sermon 11 a. m.  
Church school on north side 3 p. m.  
No evening services until the first Sunday in January.  
R. O. MACKINTOSH, Rector.

The ban on public gatherings temporarily knocked out the community chorus while in its formative state, but immediately after the first of the year a first rehearsal will be held and efforts made to secure members in addition to those already listed. The scores of several good choruses have been received and the permanent heating of the Franklin auditorium will provide a place for rehearsals.

Judge Samuel H. Sedgwick, for 15 years a justice of the Nebraska supreme court, died suddenly at his home in Lincoln yesterday from heart disease. He was a pioneer of the state. He was 71 years old.

Women voters of Nebraska may vote for delegates to the national party convention, according to an opinion rendered by Attorney General Clarence A. Davis, issued Wednesday.

### Capt. Halligan Sails.

Capt. P. H. Halligan, who had been in overseas service for more than two years, sailed for home December 19th and is expected to reach New York Wednesday of next week. After landing he will go to some camp to receive his discharge. He will visit his parents in this city and then expects to locate in Lincoln to practice law.

**Distributed Thirty-three Baskets.**  
Through the efforts of the Twentieth Century Club thirty-three families in North Platte were provided with Xmas baskets. Each basket contained a chicken and other eatables in such variety and quantity as to make a good dinner for the recipients. It is a safe guess to say that these baskets were thankfully received.

### O'Brien Sale Monday.

The T. J. O'Brien sale at the O'Brien ranch twenty miles north of Sutherland, which was postponed on account of stormy weather, will be held next Monday December 29th. The sale is a big one including 400 head of cattle, fifty-eight head of horses and mules, 270 hogs, and a big lot of farm machinery. The sale will begin at 10 o'clock sharp.

### Bound Over to District Court.

Calvin J. Anderson, who was arrested for attempting to coerce and extort money from C. N. Williams on December 19th, had a hearing in Judge Woodhurst's court Wednesday, pleaded guilty, and was bound over to the district court. The attempted coercion occurred on December 19th, when Anderson threatened Williams with death if he did not fork over a certain sum of money, and would also do him bodily harm if he reported to anyone the threat Anderson had made. Anderson is said to resemble strongly a man who is wanted for a grave crime committed in Kansas.

### Plant's Name Significant.

The spelling of Mengel-Wurzel is a question which appears capable of being settled in different ways. What is really interesting about the word is the fact that its name was altered from Runkelraben by the German people. At a time of famine Runkelraben saved the people from starvation, and was for that reason given the new name of Mengel-Wurzel, literally "famine root." The plant stood the Germans in good stead during the latter days of the recent war, thus once more earning its sobriquet, by which it is known everywhere in England.—Christian Science Monitor.

### Counting the Cost.

"How much do you pay for beefsteak?"  
"Not much. After the salesman gets through charging for the suet and the bone the cost of the edible portion is scarcely worth mentioning."

### RAILROADS WILL BE RETURNED MARCH FIRST

President Wilson Wednesday issued a proclamation returning the railroads and express companies to private control March 1. Failure of congress to enact remedial legislation was given sage to congress last May President Wilson said the roads would be turned back at the end of the calendar year. "No agreement having yet been reached by congress," Secretary Tamm said in announcing the proclamation, "it becomes necessary in the public interest to allow a reasonable time between the issuing of the proclamation and the date of its actually taking effect. This president is advised that the railroad and express companies are not organized to make it possible for them to receive and manage their properties if actually turned over to them December 31. In two years of physical possession of the railroads, the government has encountered a deficit of approximately \$646,000,000 according to estimates submitted by Mr. Sherley to Senator Cummins. When the roads were taken over January 1, 1918, congress guaranteed them a rental of \$900,000,000 annually, based on the average income of a three year test period. Operating revenues in 1918 fell \$236,000,000 below the standard return and this year will be about \$250,000,000 under that amount. The remainder of the deficit has been incurred in expenses of administration, inland waterways, etc."

**Terms of Court**  
Judge Grimes has issued the following calendar for his district:  
Cheyenne county—April 26th, September 27th.  
Dawson county—February 24th, May 19th, November 29th.  
Deuel county—February 16th, September 13th.  
Kimball—April 5th, October 18th.  
Lincoln—March 15th, November 8th.  
McPherson—May 24th, September 6th.

Midnight service was held at the Episcopal church Wednesday night a large congregation welcoming the dawn of Christmas. Rev. Mackintosh delivered an address, the holy communion was celebrated and bright and cheerful music was rendered by the choir.

Maurice Patterson entertained a number of his little friends Wednesday at a party, the occasion being his sixth birthday. The afternoon was spent in playing games after which delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

The Hershey Times says J. C. Moore is feeding 450 head of cattle on his Birdwood ranch.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

A girl baby was born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Becker.

For Sale—Organ in good condition, 321 south Chestnut. 100-2

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cahill, of Paxton, visited friends in town Wednesday.

License to wed was granted Wednesday to Orin Hess and Marie Gleason both of this city.

Miss Margaret Kocken came up from Omaha to spend Christmas with her father and sister.

Chas. Cornell, manager of the news stand at the depot, was called to Omaha on business last night.

Steward Kennedy of the Elks' club went to Omaha Wednesday night to visit relatives until Monday.

Miss Lucille Lindenmeyer returned this morning from Fairfield where she had been visiting her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Johnson and two children went to Sterling this morning to spend the week end with friends.

Misses Doris and Helen Selbert spent Christmas with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Smith, in Hershey.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Edwards, of Brady, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Elliott and Mrs. Baker and family, of Maxwell, were Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Elliott.

Osaka's third financial institution, the Farmers' State Bank, opened for business this week. E. A. Smith, late of Columbus, is president and C. W. Lynn, who comes from Dallas, S. D., is cashier.

A man told us yesterday that in order to have his customary Christmas tom and jerry he was compelled to pay ten dollars for a pint of Old Taylor. This is another instance of the cost of high living.

The work of cutting the first crop of ice east of town will be completed Monday. The yield will be about 14,000 tons. The harvest at Gothenburg has not started, the ice not being thick enough.

C. F. Klinge was fined five dollars and costs by Judge Woodhurst Wednesday for provoking an assault upon Geo. C. Israel. Both parties live south of Maxwell and the trouble arose over school matters.

Grandma Stearns was the recipient of a very pleasant surprise when a large number of her friends came in Wednesday afternoon and celebrated her eighty-first birthday with a handkerchief shower.

Work on the artificial ice plant, which the Pacific Fruit Express Co. will erect at this terminal, will start March 1st. The plant, which will be located north of the track west of the yard office, will have a daily capacity of 375 tons.

Mrs. R. L. Cochran and Miss Sybil Gantt entertained a few friends last evening at an old fashioned Christmas party at which decorations of holly and a Christmas tree lent a holiday air. The evening was spent at dancing and cards.

R. M. Catlers, manager of the P. F. E. ice plant, has been advised that the number of cars to be used in transit next year promises to be as heavy as the past year, and he has been directed to fill the local ice houses to the rafters regardless of cost.

It is not often that a woman asks to be committed to jail, but such request was made of Officer Rogers Tuesday night and he complied. This woman said she was without funds with which to pay for lodging, and as a stranger preferred jail accommodations to walking the streets at night.

Christmas was very quietly spent in North Platte, comparatively few people appearing on the streets during the day. It was originally planned to have community Christmas evening exercises at the Franklin auditorium, but it was found impossible to arrange such a program as was desired.

### MAKES CHRISTMAS OF \$100,000,000 TO MANKIND

New York, Dec. 25.—John D. Rockefeller gave to mankind a Christmas present of \$100,000,000—half to the general education board to raise the salaries of college professors and half to the Rockefeller foundation to aid in its work of combating disease through improvement of medical education, public health administration and scientific research. It is estimated that Mr. Rockefeller's public gifts now approximate \$450,000,000.

While leaving to the general education board the task of selecting the colleges which shall receive awards for their teaching staffs and the amount each is to receive, Mr. Rockefeller urged that the principal as well as the income be used "as promptly and largely as may seem wise."

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. E. Jeffers announce the engagement of their daughter Genevieve to William C. Easton. The wedding will take place New Years Day. Miss Jeffers was formerly employed as clerk in the store department of the Union Pacific. Mr. Easton is a fireman for the Union Pacific on the Wyoming division. Both of the young people were born and raised in North Platte.

### Keith, Tonight.

William Russell  
IN  
"Eastward Ho!"

A story of typical American manhood in which "west moves east." Sunshine Comedy—

### A Schoolhouse Scandal.

Keith, Saturday

A Real Western Play

### "The Arizona Outlaw"

WITH  
EDYTHE STERLING

A drama of the cattle country. Also the Sunshine Comedy—

### A Schoolhouse Scandal.

### Crystal, Tonight.

The American Beauty,  
KATHERINE McDONALD

### "The Beauty Market"

A play that will shame some men and delight all women. Rainbow Comedy—

### "A Barnyard Romance."

### Keith, Monday and Tuesday.

IRENE CASTLE  
—IN—  
"The Firing Line"

Robert W. Chambers best known story makes an evening entertainment that is a novelty as entertainment and as a fashion show.

### Crystal Theatre, Saturday and Monday.

"The Eternal Magdalene"

WITH  
MARGARET MARSH

She is as inevitable as the sunrise. She is someone's runaway daughter or some man's abused wife. A story of your town and mine. Saturday special, Rainbow comedy.

### "A BARNYARD ROMANCE."



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